

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 595**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Norby**

February 16, 2011

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An act to amend Section 101 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to highways.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 595, as introduced, Norby. State highways: naming and designation by the Legislature.

Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation shall have full possession and control of the state highway system. Existing law, when the Legislature, by concurrent resolution, has designated names for certain districts and state highway bridges and requested the placement of name plaques, authorizes the department to expend reasonable sums on those plaques.

This bill would revise the existing provisions to also apply to designation of other transportation facilities owned and operated by the department, and would authorize the department to expend reasonable sums on plaques or signs for designated districts, highways, highway bridges, or other facilities only upon receipt of nonstate funds sufficient to cover the cost.

This bill, notwithstanding these provisions, would, for calendar years 2012 and 2013, provide that no highways, bridges, or other transportation facilities owned and operated by the department or districts through which a state highway passes shall be named or otherwise designated by the Legislature, and no plaques or signs shall be erected by the department to reflect the naming or designation of a

highway, bridge, other transportation facility, or district during those calendar years.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 101 of the Streets and Highways Code  
2 is amended to read:

3 101. (a) The department shall keep in repair all objects or  
4 markers adjacent to a state highway ~~which~~ *that* have been erected  
5 to mark registered historical places and shall keep ~~such~~ *those*  
6 markers free from vegetation ~~which~~ *that* may obscure them from  
7 view.

8 (b) When the Legislature, by concurrent resolution, has  
9 designated names for certain districts ~~and~~ *or* state highways,  
10 highway bridges, *or other transportation facilities owned and*  
11 *operated by the department* and requested the placing of name  
12 plaques *or signs* at the boundaries of the districts or on the  
13 highways, bridges, *or other transportation facilities*, the department  
14 is authorized to expend reasonable sums for ~~such~~ *those* plaques *or*  
15 *signs upon receipt of nonstate funds sufficient to cover the cost.*

16 (c) Any major bridge not previously named by the Legislature  
17 may be named by the Legislature, by concurrent resolution, for a  
18 serviceman killed in action who was a resident of the county in  
19 which the bridge is located. The name shall be selected from names  
20 submitted to the department by veterans' associations as defined  
21 by Section 1260 of the Military and Veterans Code.

22 (d) *Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for calendar*  
23 *years 2012 and 2013, no highways, bridges, or other transportation*  
24 *facilities owned and operated by the department or districts*  
25 *through which a state highway passes shall be named or otherwise*  
26 *designated by the Legislature, and no plaques or signs shall be*  
27 *erected in that regard by the department to reflect the naming or*  
28 *designation of a highway, bridge, other transportation facility, or*  
29 *district during those calendar years. This subdivision does not*  
30 *prohibit replacement of a sign that is damaged or destroyed that*  
31 *relates to a naming or designation of a highway, bridge, other*  
32 *transportation facility, or district where the naming or designation*  
33 *occurred prior to January 1, 2012. This subdivision also does not*

- 1 *preclude the department from posting state highway route number*
- 2 *signs, directional signs, and other signs other than those to which*
- 3 *this subdivision specifically applies.*

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